

United-Guardian (UG)

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# United-Guardian - business

- Product areas:
  - Cosmetic ingredients
  - Personal and health care products
  - Pharmaceuticals
  - Specialty industrial products
- Major products
  - LUBRAJEL® line of cosmetic ingredients and medical lubricants - 76.9% of sales in 2008
  - RENACIDIN® IRRIGATION, pharmaceutical product - 18.0% of sales in 2008

# United-Guardian - Misc thoughts

- R&D for new products \$420K per year - no assurance of success
  - 38 employees
- 57% foreign sales
  
- 43% insider (family) owned
  - Founder, chairman (?) 87 years old
  - Founder's son (?) (56) CEO
  - Established in 1942 - not much growth...

# Is it a good business?

- 10 year history of profits

- ROE:

- 19.9    24.5    19.4    13.3    19.6    19.1    19.7    20.7    24.4    21.5
  - 2009:24.98

- Margins

- 2009: 27.73798478    25.73218353    29.8090672    22.44178419

- Strong balance sheet

- Zero debt (~12.3M cash + short term investments)
  - 15.3 book = net tangible assets, 14M net current assets

- $ROIC = \text{Earnings} / (\text{Equity} + \text{Debt} - \text{Cash}) = \text{Earnings} / (\text{Assets} - \text{non-debt liabilities} - \text{Cash})$

- Equal to ROE

## Is business cheap?

- ROE 25% - conservatively assume 20%
- Earnings in 10 years =  $\text{ROE} \times \text{Equity} \times (1 + \text{ROE})^9 = \$16\text{M}$
- Equity in 10 years =  $\text{Equity} \times (1 + \text{ROE})^9 = 79\text{M}$
- Market cap =  $16\text{M} \times \text{P/E (15)} = \$243\text{M}$
- Rate of return = ~15% after tax (calculations omitted)
- If we assume 15% ROE: 8%
  
- >3 P/Book - not a net net

# Is business cheap?

- Discounted cash flow
  - Current earnings of ~3.8M
  - 10% growth for 10 years, leveling after that
    - 10% discount -> \$76M current valuation
    - 15% discount -> \$46M current valuation
  - 20% growth for 5 years, leveling after that
    - 10% discount -> \$83M current valuation
    - 15% discount -> \$53M current valuation
- Owner's yield = earnings / (market cap + debt - cash) = earnings/EV
  - $3.8M / (49.4M + 0M - 12.5M) = 10.3\%$